

Jacksonville, Fla.

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Mr. Watson -

Dear Sir -

Can you

identify the enclosed *Salanum* without much trouble? It grows before my study window & is said to have come from Cuba - The enclosed specimen was sent me from Manatee - The plant is smooth, in habit like *S. Dulcamara*, with 7-9-divided leaves - fls. purplish-blue with yellow centre - fr. said to be scarlet.

There is a singular variation in *Zucca filamentosa* which I have noticed from Fla. to Tenn. Some plants have a dwarf habit & others send up an inflorescence 10-12 ft. high - In the wild state I would place the limits at 3-10 feet. I incline to think it is a varietal difference, for I have never observed plants of intermediate habit.

Yours truly J. N. Coulter

